appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Claims as Amended:

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16. A shaft drive device for a pointer of a gauge instrument, comprising a printed circuit board with a dial; a rotor device with a rotor and a rotor shaft attached to said rotor, wherein said dial is arranged on said rotor shaft; a stator device for driving said rotor with said rotor shaft; an attachment device for attaching said rotor device and said stator device to said printed circuit board device in such a way that said printed circuit board device forms a part of a frame surrounding said rotor shaft.



17. A shaft drive device as defined in claim 16, wherein said printed circuit board device has a leadthrough opening, wherein said rotor shaft passes through said leadthrough opening to said dial.



22. A shaft drive device as defined in claim 17, wherein said stator device is attachable to said printed circuit board device about an entire periphery of said leadthrough opening for said rotor shaft.



25. A shaft drive device as defined in claim 24, wherein said attachment device has a lid which is attachable to a side of said printed circuit





board device facing away from said dial and which has an axial bearing bush for receiving a corresponding end of said rotor shaft.